

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-25, 27-35, and 37-39. The Examiner has objected to claims 6, 17, 26, and 36. Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 10, 17, 21, 26, 30, and 36. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-39.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-25, 27-35, and 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Acharya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,343,326 B2).

Applicant has rewritten claims 6, 17, 26, and 36, which the Examiner indicated in the advisory action were objected to, as independent claims including the limitations of the claims from which they depend. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 6, 17, 26, and 36 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten claims 1, 10, 21, and 30 to expressly recite the relationship of the distributed router. Applicant submits that Archarya et al. fail to disclose such relationship or such distributed router. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-25, 27-35, and 37-39 are in condition for allowance.


Applicant reiterates Applicant's arguments as set forth in Applicant's response to the final Office action. Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's assertions in the advisory action, but notes that they are rendered moot in view of Applicant's amendments. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 1-39 are in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, Applicant has overcome all of the Office's rejections, and early notice of allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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